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SUBJECT: US ARMS PACKAGE FOR SOMALIA

1. DEPT. HAS NOT RPT NOT YET SENT INSTRUCTIONS FORWARD TO
AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN
RE US DOLS 15 MILLION DEFENSIVE ARMS
PACKAGE TO SOMALIA. SEVERAL FACTORS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR
DELAY.

2. IN AFTERMATH OF ATTEMPTED COUP APRIL 9, WE FELT IT
UNWISE TO MAKE OFFER UNTIL DUST HAD CLEARED AND WE

ACQUIRED MORE DETAILS. WE DID NOT WANT TO LINK OUR
APPROACH IN ANY WAY TO EVENTS OF APRIL 9.

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3. WE HAVE IN MEANTIME RECEIVED UNOFFICIAL REPORT THAT
SIAD DEPARTED MOGADISCIO FOR PEKING APRIL 13. WE HAD BEEN
INFORMED BY AMBASSADOR ADDOU THAT SIAD VISIT TO PRC WAS
IMMINENT. FOR TACTICAL REASONS, IT SEEMED PREFERABLE TO
LET THAT VISIT PROCEED BEFORE PRESENTING OUR AMENDED
MILITARY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE.

4. WE EXPECT TO PROVIDE AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN WITH HIS
INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING US DEFENSIVE PACKAGE BY APRIL 15.
HE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS OUR OFFER WITH SIAD UPON
HIS RETURN FROM HIS CURRENT RIP. CHRISTOPHER

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